

South Australia has an area of 984,377 square kilometres (12.8% of the total Australian land mass), and is the driest of the Australian States and Territories. Water supplies are supplemented with water piped from the River Murray, the only major river in the State.

The population at 30 June 2000 was 1,497,634, less than 8% of the total Australian population. Most South Australians (73%) live in Adelaide, the capital city. South Australians have the highest median age at death of all States and Territories.

The Gross State Product of South Australia is \$41.4b per annum, which is 6.7% of Australia's Gross Domestic Product. The principal items produced are agricultural/horticultural products (including wine), and machinery. The State has 43% of Australia's vineyard area, and 33% of the barley area. Mineral resources and aquaculture are also significant elements of the economy.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA AS A PROPORTION OF AUSTRALIA

	%
Area	12.81
Population	7.82
Persons aged 65 years and over	9.18
Unemployment	7.65
Labour force	7.47
Industrial disputes, days lost	2.91
Manufacturing	
Persons employed	9.15
Turnover	9.22
Merchandise imports	3.92
Merchandise exports	6.28
New motor vehicles registered	6.51
Total new dwellings commenced	6.54
Wheat, area for grain	15.17
Barley, area for grain	32.68
Vineyards	42.80
Wool receivals (taxable)	14.29
Gross value of agricultural commodities	9.91
Retail turnover	6.79

POPULATION

Estimated resident population		30 June 1999	30 June 2000
Males	no.	737 893	740 595
Females	no.	754 515	757 039
Persons	no.	1 492 408	1 497 634
Census of population		1991	1996
Distribution (proportion of population)			
Adelaide Statistical Division	%	73.1	73.2
Other statistical divisions	%	26.9	26.8
Age groups (proportion of population)			
Under 15 years	%	21.2	20.7
15–64 years	%	66.1	65.5
65 years and over	%	12.7	13.9
Private dwellings			
Occupied	no.	515 720	555 834
Unoccupied	no.	53 534	61 373

DEMOGRAPHY

Vital statistics		1998	1999
Rate per 1,000 population			
Births	no.	12.3	12.0
Deaths	no.	7.9	7.5
Marriages	no.	5.4	5.5
Divorces	no.	2.8	2.9
Rate per 1,000 live births			
Infant deaths	no.	4.0	4.3
Causes of death per 10,000 population			
Ischaemic heart disease	no.	18.2	16.7
Malignant neoplasms (cancer)	no.	20.4	20.6
Cerebrovascular disease (incl. stroke)	no.	7.2	7.4
Expectation of life			
Males	years	76.0	76.4
Females	years	81.6	82.1
Health(a)		1998-99	1999-00
Hospitals (excl. Cwllth and Public Psychiatric)			
Public	no.	80	80
Private (incl. day surgery facilities)	no.	47	49
Beds available	no.	7 049	6 903
Separations	no.	486 476	499 117
Mean length of stay (days)	no.	3.9	3.8
Same day separations	no.	218 142	232 324

(a) Source: Department of Human Services.

SOCIAL

Welfare services at 30 June(a)		1999	2000
Age pensions	no.	163 845	164 307
Disability support pensions	no.	54 950	58 425
Parenting payment (single)	no.	31 720	32 483
Newstart and Mature Age allowances	no.	65 440	56 454
Law and order(b)		1998-99	1999-00
Police	no.	3 544	3 696
Prisoners received	no.	4 465	n.y.a.
Criminal matters lodged in courts	no.	1 280	1 281
Education		1999	2000
Schools	no.	824	820
Teachers	no.	16 753	16 880
Pupils	no.	250 222	249 385
Students enrolled			
Universities(c)	no.	49 037	49 027
Technical and further education(d)	no.	133 900	n.y.a.
Household expenditure on education services	\$m	603	645

(a) Source: Department of Family and Community Services.

(b) Source: Department of Justice.

(c) Source: Commonwealth Department of Education, Training and Youth Affairs, *Higher Education Student Statistics*.

(d) Source: National Centre for Vocational and Educational Research.

LABOUR

Labour force (February)

		2000	2001
Employed persons	'000	672.6	674.4
Unemployed persons	'000	68.6	57.3
Unemployment rate	%	9.3	7.5

Vacancies (November)

		2000	2001
Job vacancies	'000	6.3	5.4
Job vacancy rate	%	1.0	1.2

Average weekly earnings (November)

		1999	2000
All males	\$	697.40	748.30
All females	\$	453.80	488.30
All employees	\$	572.80	618.50

Industrial disputes

		1998–99	1999–00
Number of disputes	no.	42	36
Working days lost	'000	17.9	23.0

AGRICULTURE

Gross value of		1998–99	1999–00p
Wheat for grain	\$m	641.0	492.3
Wool	\$m	232.0	204.1
Grapes	\$m	540.2	484.3
Livestock slaughtered etc.	\$m	430.6	494.2
Total agriculture	\$m	3 243.6	2 964.1
Wheat produced for grain	'000 t	3 310	2 600
Barley produced for grain	'000 t	2 051	1 410
Wool (taxable) receivals	'000 t	89	92
Area of		1997–98	1998–99
Establishments	'000 ha	57 516	59 385
Cereal crops	'000 ha	2 676	2 948
Vineyards	'000 ha	43.6	52.6
Livestock at 30 June		1999	2000p
Cattle	'000	1 183	1 152
Sheep and lambs	'000	13 065	13 675
Pigs	'000	406	402

STATE FORESTS

		1998–99	1999–00
Area of plantations (at 30 June)	ha	79 615	80 605

SECONDARY PRODUCTION

		1998–99	1999–00
Meat produced			
Beef and veal	t	62 266	78 827
Mutton and lamb	t	92 201	85 630
Pigmeat	t	30 864	31 927
Wine produced	'000 L	405 661	400 777

CONSTRUCTION

		1998–99	1999–00
Commenced			
New houses	no.	6 296	7 857
Other dwellings	no.	1 119	1 554
Residential building	\$m	911.0	1 243.6
Non-residential building	\$m	624.3	576.8
Engineering construction	\$m	1 187.0	1 348.2

MINING

Mining establishments(a)		1997–98	1998–99
Establishments	no.	16	14
Persons employed (at 30 June)	no.	1 859	1 750
Wages and salaries	\$m	98	114
Value added	\$m	872	793
Value of mineral production(b)		1998–99	1999–00
Copper	\$m	191.6	497.0
Uranium oxide	\$m	83.6	172.1
Opal (estimate)	\$m	38.0	38.1
Natural gas	\$m	415.6	387.2
Crude oil	\$m	81.3	126.0
LPG	\$m	94.1	135.1
Other condensates	\$m	70.6	100.6
Construction materials	\$m	80.8	77.4
Industrial materials	\$m	52.1	51.1
Total mineral value	\$m	1 221.2	1 714.6

(a) Comprised of Coal mining, Oil and gas extraction, and Metal ore mining. Excludes Services to mining and Other mining.

(b) Source: Department of Primary Industries and Resources SA.

MANUFACTURING

		1998–99	1999–00p
Persons employed	'000	83.4	85.4
Wages and salaries(a)	\$m	3 030.6	3 090.1
Turnover	\$m	20 180.9	20 306.9

(a) Includes provision for employee entitlements.

RETAIL TRADE

		1998–99	1999–00
Retail turnover	\$m	10 257	10 784
Food retailing	\$m	4 532	4 601
Department stores	\$m	1 101	1 130
Hospitality and services	\$m	1 692	1 838

PRICES, Adelaide

Consumer Price Index(a)		1998–99	1999–00
All groups		123.2	126.3
House price index(a)			
Established house		114.1	123.2
Project home		117.0	127.2
Average retail prices (cents)		Dec 1999	Dec 2000
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	1 L	141	133
Margarine, polyunsaturated	500 g	148	164
Bread, white, sliced, supermarket	650 g	219	220
Eggs, 55 g	dozen	265	233
Coffee, instant	150 g	568	550

(a) Base year: 1989–90 = 100.0.

MERCHANDISE TRADE

		1998–99	1999–00
Imports from			
European Union	\$m	909	887
Japan	\$m	831	831
United States of America	\$m	542	573
Total imports	\$m	3 716	4 319
Exports to			
Japan	\$m	626	786
New Zealand	\$m	386	446
United States of America	\$m	705	954
Total exports	\$m	5 332	6 180
Principal export groups			
Metals and metal manufactures	\$m	544	804
Wool, sheepskins	\$m	212	179
Road vehicles, parts etc.	\$m	652	884
Meat and meat preparations	\$m	199	160
Wine	\$m	694	898

TOURIST ACCOMMODATION(a)

		June qtr 1999	June qtr 2000
Total establishments			
Number at 30 June		230	233
Guest rooms at 30 June	no.	10 173	10 457
Guest arrivals	'000	434.9	446.0
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	44 449	49 254

(a) Establishments containing 15 or more beds.

TRANSPORT

		1998–99	1999–00
New motor vehicles registered	no.	51 104	45 284
Metropolitan passenger journeys—bus, tram and train(a)	million	41.6	41.1
Adelaide Airport passengers(b)	'000	4 047	4 200

(a) Source: Passenger Transport Board.

(b) Source: Commonwealth Department of Transport.

PRIVATE FINANCE

Secured housing finance		1998–99	1999–00
Loans approved for			
Construction of dwellings	\$m	472	612
Purchase of newly erected dwellings	\$m	91	119
Purchase of established dwellings	\$m	2 757	3 646
Total dwellings	no.	36 694	44 281
Other			
Commercial finance commitments	\$m	6 836	7 191
Personal finance commitments	\$m	3 107	3 207
Private new capital expenditure	\$m	2 277	2 451

PUBLIC FINANCE

State Consolidated Public Sector		1998–99	1999–00p
Operating statement			
Revenues	\$m	10 766	8 860
Expenses	\$m	10 877	8 721
Net operating result	\$m	–111	139
Gross fixed capital formation	\$m	674	–2 232
Net debt	\$m	5 973	4 223
Unfunded superannuation and employee liabilities	\$m	4 805	4 141
Net worth	\$m	10 616	11 924

STATE ACCOUNTS

		1998–99	1999–00p
State Final Demand(a)	\$m	40 682	42 999
Final consumption expenditure	\$m	33 310	34 442
Gross fixed capital formation	\$m	7 372	8 557
Gross State Product(a)	\$m	39 966	41 381
Per head of mean population	\$	26 830	27 679
Percentage of Australian total	%	6.7	6.7
Annual growth rate	%	2.2	3.5
Gross household disposable income (per head of mean population)	\$	19 077	19 951

(a) Chain volume measures, reference year 1998–99.

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Annual periods shown as, for example, 2000 refer to the year ended 31 December 2000; those shown as, for example, 1999–00 refer to the year ended June 2000. Values are shown in Australian dollars (\$). Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between the sums of the component items and totals.

g	— gram	t	— tonne
ha	— hectare	\$b	— billion dollars (thousand million)
L	— litre	\$m	— million dollars
n.y.a.	— not yet available	\$'000	— thousand dollars
p	— preliminary data	'000	— thousand

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